

## Message Text

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P R 281437Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY QUITO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8633  
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
AMEMBASSY LIMA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, SENV, IWX-1, EC, PEC, CH INTERNATIONAL WHALING  
COMMISSION  
SUBJECT: ECUADOR INQUIRES ABOUT OBSERVER STATUS AT  
JULY MEETING

REFS: (A) LIMA 5585; (B) QUITO 3517;

1. AMBASSADOR ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR, DIRGEN OF NATIONAL  
SOVEREIGNTY, INQUIRED OF POLCOUNS JUNE 27 WHETHER IT WOULD BE  
POSSIBLE FOR ECUADOR TO ATTEND RENEGOTIATION PREPARATORY  
MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. LUNA EXPLAINED THAT ECUADOR WOULD ALMOST  
SURELY ADHERE TO CONVENTION IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT COULD NOT  
POSSIBLY DO SO IN TIME REMAINING BEFORE CONFERENCE BEGINS  
JULY 4. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHILE AND PERU WERE ALSO ON THE  
BRINK OF JOINING AND THAT IT WAS QUITE IMPORTANT THAT ECUADOR,  
THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PERMANENT COMMISSION,  
TO GET A FEEL FOR THE SUBJECT MATTER AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
DATE.

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2. POLCOUNS RESPONDED ON BASIS OF INFO PROVIDED IN STATE  
99353 WHICH INDICATED THAT ECUADOR AS A NON-MEMBER, NON-WHALING  
NATION WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE INVITED. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
SINCE IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS COVERED OBSERVERS AS  
WELL, AND SINCE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAD BEEN EXPRESSED  
ABOUT THE FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES, POLCOUNS

PROMISED TO INQUIRE WHETHER ECUADOR COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

3. POLCOUNS MENTIONED CONCERN RAISED IN REF A AS TO WHETHER WHALERS MIGHT CIRCUMVENT IWC QUOTAS BY SHIFTING TO ECUADOR. LUNA SAID THAT ECUADOR HAD NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN BECOMING A WHALING NATION AND THAT ECUADOR WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO PREVENT INCURSIONS BY WHALERS IN ITS CLAIMED WATERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: TO DETERMINE SOONEST WHETHER ECUADOR WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND JULY COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER.  
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